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For: Method For Bleaching Cellulosic Material With Carbohydrate Oxidases (COX)

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith references which may be material to the patentability of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose. While the references may be material under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that the references are prior art. The filing of this IDS shall not be construed as a representation that no other material references than those listed exist or that a search has been conducted.

The references are listed in Form PTO/SB/08A, which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. A copy of the references is enclosed.

Summary of Cited Reference

One of the references listed in Form PTO/SB/08A is CN 1116089, which was cited in an office action issued in the Chinese counterpart of the above-identified application. An abstract of CN 1116089 is as follows:

The present invention utilizes the characteristics of hair-blackening, hair-nourishing, safety and stimulation-less of the extract of tea seed, imitates the principle of synthesizing melanin of human body cell, uses the technology of biological engineering and takes the pressure jet atomizer as packing container to develop the single ingredient multipurpose new product "Hair blackening foam", which features easy using, hygiene, clean, stimulationless, good dyeing result, and having the actions of hair-blackening and hair fixing etc.

The Office Action rejected claim 48 as being unpatentable over CN 1116089 for the following reasons:

The technical solution of claim 48 does not involve an inventive step. R2 (CN 1116089A) has disclosed a hair blackening foam which is a composition comprising fatty acid oxidase and other enzymes (such as glucose oxidase, etc.) and addition adjuvant, wherein said adjuvant can be a wetting agent (such as glycerol, polyglycol, etc.), a stabilizer and the like (see specification, page 2, lines 13-21, example 1). Thus it can be seen, R2 has disclosed all the technical features of claim 48 and therefore, the technical solution of claim 48 does not possess novelty.

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Respectfully submitted,

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